

# St. Louis County Heading Home Continuum of Care 2022 Supplemental CoC Special NOFO Application

**Please complete this Supplemental CoC NOFO Application and attach copies of relevant policies, MOUS, etc. Please make sure to include a copy of your full CoC NOFO application to HUD printed out of e-Snaps. Email these documents to [CoCHomelessPrograms@StLouisCountyMN.gov](mailto:CoCHomelessPrograms@StLouisCountyMN.gov) by 09/20/2022.**

## 2022 CoC Special NOFO Supplemental Questions

**Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Project Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please give a brief overview of your proposed project. What gaps does your proposed project intend to meet? How have you identified these gaps and how does or will your proposed project address said gaps? Be sure to include the target population, services offered currently/services that this project will add/expand, number of units this project will add (if any), and how this project will specifically target unsheltered homelessness.

*This question is worth 5 points in the local NOFO application scoring.*

2. Please give a brief overview of partnerships and collaborations that will make this project successful and avoid duplication of services. Specifically, please address any partnerships with Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and/or healthcare agencies in our CoC. Healthcare agencies can include behavioral health, physical health, culturally specific health and wellness interventions, and/or partnerships with the Public Health Department at local or state levels.

*This question is worth 5 points in the local NOFO application scoring. Any agency that attaches an MOU to show a formal partnership will receive an additional 5 bonus points in their local NOFO application scoring.*

3. Please give a brief overview of how your agency engages in consultation and planning efforts with people who have experienced homelessness or are currently experiencing homelessness. What input did you seek and receive in the formation of this project proposal and how did it influence your project design (if at all)?

*This question is worth 5 points in the local NOFO application scoring.*

4. What steps does your agency take to address racial disparities in your program(s)? Please share how your organization works to identify and address racial disparities within the organization's work/projects; provide an example(s). If your organization does not currently address racial disparities in your program(s), what is your plan to do so in the future? How does your project measure racial disparities? (Please attach any relevant organizational policies on addressing racial disparities and email to [CoCHomelessPrograms@StLouisCountyMN.gov](mailto:CoCHomelessPrograms@StLouisCountyMN.gov) by the designated deadline.)

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5. How does your program integrate culturally specific and/or culturally responsive programming? If your organization does not currently integrate culturally specific and/or culturally responsive programming, what is your plan to do so in the future?

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- a. Cultural Responsive Care Definition<sup>1</sup>: “Cultural responsiveness means being open to new ideas that may conflict with the ideas, beliefs and values of your own culture, and being able to see these differences as equal...It means being respectful of everyone’s backgrounds, beliefs, values, customs, knowledge, lifestyle, and social behaviors. It helps you provide culturally appropriate care and support, so people are empowered to manage their own health. Cultural responsiveness involves continuous learning, self-exploration, and reflection. It draws on a number of concepts, including cultural awareness, cultural sensitivity, and cultural competence.”

Cultural responsiveness is important for all social and cultural groups, including:

- Indigenous and tribally enrolled people
  - People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
  - Refugees or displaced migrants
  - People at all life stages, including end of life
  - People with different abilities
  - Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Intersex Asexual Two Spirit (LGBTQIAS2+) people
6. Please explain how your organization uses the following evidenced-based practices; harm reduction, person-centered, and trauma informed models. Please give specific examples from your CoC funded projects. If your organization does not currently use evidenced-based practices in your program(s), what is your plan to do so in the future?

*This question is worth 5 points in the local NOFO application scoring.*

7. What policies and procedures does your project(s) have related to working with and ensuring safety and trauma-informed care for people fleeing domestic violence, exploitation, stalking, human trafficking, and other forms of violence? How do you ensure/monitor that the policies and procedures are implemented in a trauma informed manner? For example, do you gather input from people served? If so, please share how you implement changes based on input received. (Please attach any relevant organizational policies on addressing racial disparities and email to [CoCHomelessPrograms@StLouisCountyMN.gov](mailto:CoCHomelessPrograms@StLouisCountyMN.gov) by the designated deadline.)

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<sup>1</sup> Definition Adapted from the Agency for Clinical Innovation, New South Wales, AU.

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## **SLC CoC 2021 Housing First Self-Assessment**

Housing First projects are effective in assisting all subpopulations of people experiencing homelessness to access and sustain permanent, stable housing. It has been demonstrated that projects can operate well and safely without requirements that prevent many people living outside and in the shelter system from entering and/or remaining in housing. As part of the NOFA solicitation for new and renewal housing projects, applicants are required to answer the following questions related to the proposed project's eligibility criteria and project rules. Each question will be scored as indicated. At the completion of the questionnaire, the applicant will tabulate the total score. Maximum points are 15.

Please attach PDFs of your current lease agreement(s), if applicable, and all relevant policies and procedures for people interested in entering your organization's housing units.

### **1. Low Barrier access:**

- a. Does the project require clients to pass a background screening prior to project entry (excluding registered sex offender check)?**  
Yes ☐ No ☐ [No = 1 point]
- b. Does the project prohibit all persons with specified criminal convictions on a blanket basis to be excluded from admission (excluding registered sex offenders)?**  
Yes ☐ No ☐ [No = 1 point]
- c. Does the project require participants to be clean and sober prior to project entry as a condition for admission?**  
Yes ☐ No ☐ [No = 1 point]
- d. Does the project serve & house transgender individuals according to the gender they identify?**  
Yes ☐ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]
- e. Does the project serve individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, family composition, or marital status?**  
Yes ☐ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]
- f. Does the project expedite the admission process including housing search assistance (scattered site only) and help assembling necessary documents in order to support the application for admission?**  
Yes ☐ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]
- g. Does the project actively participate in CoC. Case Managers meetings, Coordinated Entry meetings, CIG meetings, AHC, RHC meetings, and participate in the Housing Summits, PIT/HIC count processes, etc.?**  
Yes ☐ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]

### **2. Housing Retention**

- a. Does the project terminate participants for failure to participate in**

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**treatment or support services including case management?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ [No = 1 point]

**b. Does the project terminate participants solely for engaging in substance use?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ [No = 1 point]

**c. Does the project require participants to obtain income as a condition of remaining in the project?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ [No = 1 point]

**d. Does the project make all efforts to avoid discharging participants into homelessness including referral back to coordinated entry for those who cannot remain in the project?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]

**e. Are project participants held to standards/behaviors not found in mainstream leases (such as not being allowed visitors, curfews, required to do chores, or not being allowed to have alcoholic beverages in their unit)?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ [No = 1 point]

### **3. Participant Engagement**

**a. Does the project provide participant choice in accessing services and are efforts made to connect participants to community-based services?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]

**b. Does the project provide regular opportunities for program participants to provide input on project policies and operations?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]

**c. Are the project staff trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies to support participant engagement including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, and trauma informed approaches?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ [Yes = 1 points]

**TOTAL SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Certification of Responses**

I attest that the answers above are true and are provided without any additional comment or clarification. I have attached all relevant policies and procedures and the organization's current lease agreement(s) (in PDF form).

**Authorized Applicant Signature:**

**Authorized Applicant Name and Title:**

**Date:**